

It's not a skirt

By Steve Eginore

Have you ever seen a caber tossed? How about a Scottish hammer thrown or a sheaf hurled through the air? Those lucky enough to attend the Aztec Highland Games this past weekend were able to experience traditional Scottish "heavy" athletics at its finest. Held as an annual event the world over, the Highland Games in Aztec, N.M., are as much a good ol' fashioned community get-together as a celebration of Celtic culture and competition. In fact, the Four Corners Celtic Athletes are at Riverside Park in downtown Aztec training once a week. You can learn more about their heavy-lifting pursuits on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/FourCornersAthletes](https://www.facebook.com/FourCornersAthletes).



Dylan Dorskocil plays a traditional Celtic tune on his violin.



Tug-o-war: a strongman (and woman) classic.



Brad McKinney hucks a log pole during the classic caber toss event.



Athletes competing in the "weight for distance event" must hurl these chain-linked metal balls as far as possible.



A festival goer dressed for the occasion.



The sheaf toss is a 20-pound bundle of straw that is thrown with a pitchfork over a 20-foot bar.